

FLOOD REACHES GEORGETOWN.

SWAMPS AND LOWLANDS ARE ALL SUBMERGED.

Three-fourths of the Rice Crop Will be Destroyed—Previous Record High Water Stage Exceeded by Ten Feet—No Fears are Felt at Georgetown.

Georgetown, Sept. 3.—The advance waters of the great flood reached the mouth of the Santee last night and today all the lowlands are covered with rushing torrents, whose area is hourly increasing in magnitude and total destruction to crops within their radius is certain. The rich lowlands along the Santee were planted in corn and cotton. Before the overflow from the river itself took place the water coming in from creeks and swamps overflowed these lands and tonight the swamps and lowlands are a part of the river.

Already the water is ten feet higher than it has ever before been seen on the Santee by boatmen of long experience. The rice fields on the Santee are all under water with the exception of those of Gen. Alexander, whose banks are of unusual height. Up to yesterday forces of hands were getting out all the rice on his lands with the expectation of the fields being flooded when the crest of the overflow reached here. The rice lands of Mr. F. E. Johnston, being on the Government canal, being the Winyah Bay side, may escape, being threatened more by the waters from the Pee Dee as they come through to the sea than by the floods from the Santee.

No loss of life has been reported from along the line of the Santee. The water from the Pee Dee is booming now, and all the rice lands along its course have been submerged and considerable damage has also resulted to upland crops.

Winyah Bay has not yet received the full volume of Pee Dee flood water, which is expected tomorrow. From reports received from along the Winyah the rice banks are still withstanding the water and rice is being gotten out of the fields. However, it is expected that these lands will also be covered by tomorrow night with Pee Dee water.

To make matters much worse the wind which yesterday was blowing from the northwest shifted during the night to northeast and this afternoon a strong wind is blowing from due east tending to bank the water up in the rivers and submerged lands and thus complete the destruction to the covered rice crops which might have been partly saved if the water had passed off rapidly.

It is estimated that three-fourths of the rice crop of this county, amounting to nearly five thousand acres, is in good as have been lost as the result of the floods.

No loss of life or property loss outside of crops has been reported. No fears are felt at Georgetown of the water overflowing the banks of the Santee. The immense outlet afforded by the marshes, the swamp and rice lands and the ocean is expected to simply take care of the volume of water coming down.

The water at high tide today lacked 15 inches of coming up to the level of the docks, and tomorrow's high tide will scarcely reach a greatly increased stage. None of the merchants are raising their goods off the floors of the warehouses as a precautionary measure. The plantations along the Black River are tonight reported under water as the result of the easterly wind blowing up the flood water from the Pee Dee, into which it flows.—News and Courier.

ILL FROM INSECT'S BITE.

Spartanburg Candidate Has Blood Poisoning, It is Feared.

Spartanburg, Sept. 3.—W. I. Harris, a well known business man of this city, is critically ill as the result of having been bitten by a poisonous insect two weeks ago. Mr. Harris was in the county campaign making the race for register of men's conveyance when he was bitten by an insect and forced to quit the stump. He conducted his campaign by circulars and got into the second race, but retired on account of his illness. It is feared that blood poisoning has developed, and his family have grave fears that he may not recover.

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Daniel Garadbrand, of East Allentown, Pa., says a black snake five feet long climbed a tree after him and he was only saved by two men coming to his assistance.

Some of the most powerful photographs are written with the paste brush.

OVATION FOR W. J. BRYAN.

Nebraska Gets Warm Reception in South Dakota.

Grand Fork, S. D., Sept. 1.—Accompanied by Gov. John Burke, State Democratic Chairman Cahsel, many members of the State committee and a large reception committee from Grand Fork, William J. Bryan, Democratic candidate for president, arrived here this evening from Fargo, where earlier in the day he was accorded an enthusiastic reception and delivered a speech on the issues of the campaign. The greeting he received at this place was no less sincere and encouraging. On the way out from Fargo the train made many stops, which afforded an opportunity for the candidate to shake hands with hundreds of people. At Hillsboro an immense crowd gathered and Mr. Bryan made a 10-minute speech.

After praising the administration of Gov. Burke, he denounced the Republican party for its failure, as he said, to specifically meet in its platform the several issues of the campaign.

In his own case, he said, he stood on his party's platform, but "in Mr. Taft's case the platform don't suit him and he has been busy amending it ever since the Chicago convention adjourned."

He was grateful to the Denver convention, he said, for giving him a platform that he need not apologize for, "a platform that I don't have to take from or add to."

"When, however," he said, "you get through reading the Republican platform you can not for the life of you tell what will be done by the candidates on that platform if elected."

Mr. Bryan expounded again his views on the guaranteeing of bank deposits and charged that Mr. Taft "goes out of the way to predict dire disaster if that proposition should be effective."

He discussed the trusts and declared that the Republicans bragged on what they had done and asked the voters to trust them for what they ought to do in the future. "It seems to me that when the Democratic party takes up into its confidence, it shows not only confidence in you, but confidence in its own plans. When the Republican party refuses to tell you what will be done, refuses to outline specifically what ought to be done, that party lacks confidence in the merits of its own plan."

The labor question, publicity of campaign contributions before election and the election of senators by direct vote of the people were also discussed.

"You are with us on these propositions," he declared, and he inquired of his audience if they were willing to make their votes represent what they wanted in government. He closed by urging his hearers to assist in reelecting Gov. Burke and in sending Democrats to the national house and electing Democratic senators to that branch of congress.

"The senate," he asserted, "is simply a place where every predatory corporation has found a bulwark and where legislation in behalf of the people is strangled to death."

The demonstration for Mr. Bryan at the station and through the city to the hotel was a notable one. Cheer after cheer went up and the candidate's carriage was flanked on either side by large representations from the laboring and farmer classes of the city and surrounding country, who came in on special trains.

Tonight Mr. Bryan spoke in front of the Young Men's Christian association building and one of the largest crowds ever gathered here heard his plea for the support of the Democratic ticket. His remarks were largely along the lines of his speeches at Fargo and Hillsboro. He left at 9 o'clock for Sioux City, where tomorrow night he is scheduled for an address.

COTTON CROP 11,571,946 BALES.

Secretary Hester Places this Year's Crop Two Millions Under Last.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 31.—Secretary Hester, of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange reports the commercial cotton crop of the United States for the season of 1907-08, ending August 31, to have been 11,571,946 bales, as compared with 13,510,982 bales in the season of 1906-07.

The total port receipts were 8,579,842, and overland movement \$59,450, while Southern consumption is placed at 2,193,277 bales.

A Kansas City poultry house has trained a rooster to herd chickens that escape. It rounds up and feeds with the "escapes" during the day, and brings them in at night to roost where they can easily be captured.

John Shields, a farmer near Dallas, Tex., set a hen on a snake egg by way of experiment, and now has a fine hatching of black snakes. The hen mother refuses to recognize her strange brood.

Only 230,000,000 cans of tomatoes will be put up this year as against 320,000,000 cans last year.

FRANK P. SARGENT DEAD.

Was Well Known As Commissioner of Immigration.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Frank Pierce Sargent, commissioner general of immigration, for over 16 years grand master of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, and one of the most forceful characters in the field of labor, immigration and allied questions in the country, died at his apartments at the Manor house in this city today. He was 54 years old. For many weeks a paralytic, the result of a fall while visiting in Shepherdstown, W. Va., in July, he had shown much improvement until Wednesday evening last when a sinking spell set in, from which he never rallied. In accordance with his expressed wish his body will be cremated by a local undertaker following a brief funeral service at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Rev. Holmead, assistant rector of St. Paul's church, will officiate.

The death of the former leader and friend of organized labor, of whom it was said that no railroad magnate ever refused to see while he was at the head of the Brotherhood, was a surprise to the department of commerce and labor. Secretary Straus was much affected.

Mr. Sargent was a native of East Orange, Vt. He worked for a while in New England mills and then because of impaired health went to Arizona, where as a United States cavalryman he participated in the Apache Indian campaign and later began his labor career as an engine wiper on the Southern Pacific railway. For five years he fired engines on that system. In 1885 he began his tenure of office as head of the order of locomotive firemen. He exerted every effort toward avoidance of strikes and won the confidence of both the railroad officials and the members of his own organization.

THE MODEL ROADWAY.

Work Will Begin on Bishopville Public Road Next Week.

At the request of Supervisor Seale, a meeting of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce that went to Washington in the spring was held this morning at the office of the supervisor to confer with Mr. R. E. Toms, the government road expert, in reference to the construction of the section of model road. Mr. Toms reviewed the investigations he had made of road conditions in the vicinity of this city and after a thorough canvass of the whole situation it was decided to build the roadway on the Bishopville public road. Mr. Toms stated that there was no first class clay directly on the road, but that he had found a deposit of fairly good clay within a half mile of the road and that by using this a road could be built. He emphasized the fact, however, that the clay is not durable and it will be impossible to construct a lasting roadway with it. Nevertheless, while the road cannot be guaranteed, it will be a great improvement over the existing road.

In deciding to build the road under Mr. Toms' direction Supervisor Seale and his advisers were influenced by the fact that the Bishopville road is the most difficult proposition in the way of road building with which the county officials have to deal, and on that account the very one most in need of expert supervision.

Mr. Toms stated that several of the sand-clay roads that he had inspected in the vicinity of Sumter are excellent examples of road building and compared favorably with similar roads in other sections.

GEORGIA CROP DAMAGED.

Commissioner Hudson Says That the Loss Will Equal Fully 500,000 Bales.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 4.—Commissioner of Agriculture Hudson today, in an interview, stated that in his belief the cotton crop of Georgia has been damaged by the recent rains to the extent of 500,000 bales. The commissioner said that in only two counties in the State is the crop up to the standard of that of last year.

"The heavy rains which were general throughout the State for three weeks ago, followed by the exceedingly hot weather, accounts for the damage," said Commissioner Hudson. "The two excesses caused the cotton to shed its young bolls and injured it to such an extent that every acre of farm land in Georgia was literally covered with them. The damage is greater this year than ever before in my knowledge."

The police force of Cleveland has been reorganized on a basis of politeness to all malefactors. Hereafter no "drunks" will be arrested, but the police will escort such unfortunates home in a gentlemanly manner.

Gertrude Williams, confronted in New York by the hardship of her sex in the matter of getting work, dressed as a boy and was quickly arrested. The probation officer will return her to her home in Buffalo.

TO RECALL MINISTER WU.

Chinese Government Said to Have Found Him Indiscreet.

Peking, Aug. 31.—The Chinese Government is considering the recall of Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese Minister at Washington, on account of recent disclosures on his part which are believed here to have been indiscreet. The Government has, for some months past, been embarrassed by Mr. Wu's platform and other utterances and by his attitude as a public character in America.

Liang Tun-Yen, assistant secretary of the Board of Foreign Affairs, is the leading candidate for the post at Washington in succession to Wu Ting-fang.

"I Don't Care," Says Wu.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Minister Wu said he had heard nothing about his being recalled and smilingly added that he did not care if he was.

"The only indiscreet speeches or interviews that I know of are some which I never made or gave out. The words were put into my mouth by other people. I understand that in some Japanese newspapers were stories stating that I had been indiscreet, and I should be recalled if such was the case."

Mr. Wu declared that the Peking Government had not in any way intimated to him that it was dissatisfied with anything he had done, and it had not called him to account for anything that he may have said. He appeared rather amused and puzzled over the statement that the Government had been embarrassed by his attitude as a "public character in America," and his disposition was to smile in talking about it. The Minister added:

"What few speeches I have made since my return to America have been mainly to colleges and universities, and have been educational in character and in furtherance of the effort to cement the friendship between China and the United States. I have scrupulously avoided touching on politics. If the utterances credited to me which the Peking dispatches say have embarrassed the Government relate to the so-called American-Chinese alliance I wish to say that I have not committed myself in any way on that subject more than to remark that it was 'interesting.'"

Liang Tun Yen, mentioned as a possible successor to Mr. Wu has heretofore been named for the position of Minister at Washington. This occurred when he was customs taotai of Tien Tsin, and followed the retirement of Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, Mr. Wu's predecessor. Liang Tun Yen went to Peking for an audience with the authorities and was kept there, being appointed to the position he now holds. Mr. Wu was then again appointed Minister to Washington.

Mr. Wu said there might be hundreds of people in Peking who want his job, but he cannot think of the names of any of them at present, and he also said that he had not solicited the appointment when he went back to China.

In his second term as Minister to the United States the general opinion of his admirers and his critics as well has been that Mr. Wu has been much more reserved and circumspect both in his public and private utterances than he was in the days of his previous term as Minister. He has always been a popular character in this country, and the expressed opinion has been that he has done much to cement friendly relations between the United States and China.

Especially in the Boxer rebellion Mr. Wu was helpful to the United States, and it was generally understood that it was through his efforts that a message of hope was pushed through to the American representatives in the legation at Peking. His attitude at that time, however, gave rise to some criticism at home, and he was relieved, though it is not known that his attitude in the Boxer matter had anything to do with the change. If he is recalled, it will cause considerable regret and surprise to the American Government.

A Paying Investment.

Mr. John White, of 38 Highland avenue, Houlton, Me., says: "Have been troubled with a cough every winter and spring. Last winter I tried many advertised remedies, but the cough continued until I bought a 50c. bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery; before that was half gone, the cough was all gone. This winter the same happy result has followed; a few doses once more banished the annual cough. I am now convinced that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best of all cough and lung remedies." Sold under guarantee at Sibert's Drug Store. 50c. and \$1. Trial bottle free.

Gates of Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition will be thrown open at Seattle June 1, 1909.

The referendum on manufacture and sale of absinthe in Switzerland resulted in majority of more than 80,000 in favor of prohibition.

When married people can't come to terms marriage should come to a termination.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Annual Apportionment Made of High School Appropriation.

Columbia, Sept. 5.—The State board of education completed its two days' session this afternoon. A great deal of time was devoted to the study of high school applications. There were 98 of these applications and elections are now pending in 10 or 12 more districts. All applications to be considered for this year must be sent in before October 1. It is quite likely there will be considerably more than one hundred approved high schools for this year. The following schools, established last year, were retained: Allendale, Blacksburg, Batesburg, Bamberg, Brunson, Cross Anchor, Cross Hill, Chesterfield, Central, Denmark, Dillon, Easley, Fountain Inn, Fort Mill, Gaffney, Hampton, Heath Springs, Johnston, Kershaw, Laurens, Lancaster, Little Mountain, Latta, Mullins, Mount Zion, Mountville, Marion, Mauldin, McColl, Ninety-Six, Olar, Pendleton, Pickens, Prosperity, Rafton Creek, Ruby, Ridgeway, Summerville, St. George, Saluda, Springfield, Simpsonville, Schutz Township, Townville, Union, Westminster.

Clinton, Jonesville, Jefferson, Sallis, Seneca, Milliamston and Zoar are retained, but were not apportioned State aid, as they have not furnished the board with the required information. The following new schools, which have held elections this year, were also approved: Bishopville, Branchville, Greer, Hartsville, Manning, Summerton, Woodruff, Yorkville, Eastover, Union Graded, Johnsonville, North Providence, North Lyons, Honea Path, Gold Hill, Belton, Delmar, Lynchburg, Bethel, Chapin, Reidville, Epworth, Liberty, Walker, McElmoyle, Lebanon, Starr, Iva, McCormack, Loris, Willis, Rowesville, Fair Forest, Taylor's, Wedgefield.

The appropriations will be made upon the reports of the high school inspector, showing the amount of work done, and also the number of teachers and number of pupils in the high school department. Not more than half of the appropriation for the year will be sent out during the first session. The remainder will be sent after all of the schools have been inspected.

In the appeal case from Darlington County in regard to the award of a Clemson scholarship the action of the Darlington County board was reversed and the scholarship awarded to L. F. Yates. He made the highest marks and the board considered both of the young men very deserving.

An appeal was heard in regard to a joint district at Ridgeland, between Hampton and Beaufort counties. The case was remanded to a joint meeting of the two county boards, with a recommendation that such meeting be held at Ridgeland in order that said boards may thoroughly understand the situation and condition.

The resignation of Superintendent J. R. Williams, of Marion County, was received and accepted.

Mr. J. P. Lane was appointed to succeed him. Mr. Lane was nominated in the recent primary.

The resignation of Mr. H. T. Sheekley as a member of the county board of Spartanburg was accepted and Prof. W. G. Blake, of Spartanburg, appointed in his stead.

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clothes were lost in that hotel fire.

Friend—Never mind, lass, you are

now equipped for a Salome dance.

MALONEY CASE BUT SNAG.

Catholic Church Refused to Sanction Annulment.

New York, Aug. 31.—An explanation was forthcoming today of the reason for the sudden withdrawal of the proceedings to annul the marriage of Miss Helen Maloney, daughter of Martin Maloney, of Philadelphia, to Arthur Herbert Osborne, of New York. The withdrawal came the day the inter-locutory decree was to be made absolute.

The Catholic church refused to sanction the annulment or permit the remarriage of Miss Maloney to Samuel Clarkson, with whom she eloped after her marriage to Osborne. Martin Maloney holds highest honors in the Church of Rome and is personally known to the Pope and many members of the College of Cardinals, but even his influence there and his tremendous wealth could not swerve the church from its adherence to the rigid rules regarding marriage and divorce. Miss Maloney will never be free to marry Clarkson or any other man except in the event of the death of her first husband, the one recognized by the church, who is Osborne.

It is said that when the Maloney family were informed of this decision they resolved to break off all communication between Miss Maloney and Clarkson and to bring about a reconciliation between the girl and Osborne. To do this the legal annulment, which had been ordered by the Supreme Court of New York State on the report of a referee, was adjourned indefinitely by the consent of counsel for both sides.

Dun's Weekly Statement.

New York, Sept. 4.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Review of Trade will say tomorrow:

"The steady decrease in percentage of idle machinery and the number of idle freight cars swells the amount of money distributed among wage earners and gradually increases the volume of retail trade. As stocks of merchandise in the stores of retailers become depleted there is more confidence regarding the future and contracts are made covering deliveries up to the end of the year but conservatism still dominates the situation and many plans will not materialize into anything tangible until the election uncertainty is removed two months hence.

"Cotton mills still curtail output but other leading manufacturing industries are gradually increasing output and the fortnightly statement of idle freight cars shows a decrease. Liabilities of commercial failures in August would have compared favorably with those of the same month last year, but for three large suspensions, one of which was speculative and had no effect on legitimate business.

"Pig iron production has made further progress, fewer furnaces offering concessions in prices as the demands improves and Southern companies are able to extend operations since the collapse of the coal miners' strike in the Birmingham district. Several idle furnaces are preparing to resume next week.

"A better undertone is beginning to appear in the primary market for cottons, although buying is confined to spot goods that are taken only as actually needed.

"Local jobbers have done a little better of late."

ASSISTANT TO PROF. MOORE.

Mr. Wilson P. Gee of Santac Has Been Elected.

Columbia, Sept. 4.—The executive committee of the University of South Carolina at its recent meeting selected Mr. Wilson P. Gee of Santac as assistant in the department of biology. Mr. Gee is a recent graduate of Clemson college, having graduated with first honor in a class of 85. He comes to the university with the highest recommendations from Dr. Mell and his instructors at Clemson, and is well qualified for the work which he is to undertake under the direction of Prof. Andrew C. Moore.

How to Get Strong.

St. J. Daly, of 1247 W. Congress street, Chicago, tells of a way to become strong: He says: "My mother, who is old and was very feeble, is deriving so much benefit from Electric Bitters that I feel it my duty to tell those who need a tonic and strengthening medicine about it. In my mother's case a marked gain in flesh has resulted, insomnia has been overcome, and she is steadily growing stronger." Electric Bitters quickly remedy stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee at Sibert's Drug Store. 50c.

"What happened to him?" "Oh, he was lauded to the skies, and thinking it would last forever, he did not take his parachute along."—Puck.

The Dominion Line steamship Kensington ran a sperm whale down near the banks of Newfoundland and cut it clean in two.

Francis Joseph is Emperor of Austria-Hungary.